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SUBJECT: EWG MEETING MAY 3, 1974 - BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE
PLANNING

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING MAY 3, 1974 MEETING, EWG ACCEPTED
SACLANT:CINCHAN PROPOSAL FOR WORD CHANGES IN TITLES OF
BASIC ISSUES PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) AND
MODERN AIR-DELIVERED MUNITIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING EWG MEETING MAY 3, 1974, SACLANT REP SUBMITTED
JOINT SACLANT/CINCHAN REQUEST TO MAKE FOLLOWING WORD CHANGES
TO BASIC ISSUES STUDY ARREAS APPROVED DURING APRIL 8 EWG
MEETING (REF).

A. CHANGE QUOTE MOBILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS FOR NATO
FIELD FORCES UNQUOTE TO QUOTE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS UNQUOTE.

B. CHANGE QUOTE ELECTRONIC COUNTER-MEASURES CAPABILITY
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FOR BOTH AIRCRAFT AND AIR DEFENSE UNQUOTE TO QUOTE
ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNQUOTE.

C. CHANGE QUOTE MODERN SOPHISTICATED AIR-DELIVERED AND

SHIP MUNITION UNQUOTE TO QUOTE MODERN AIR-DELIVERED MUNITIONS UNQUOTE.

SACLANT REP, SUPPORTED BY MC REP, SAID CURRENT TERMINOLOGY UNDULY RESTRICTED BASIC ISSUES TO LAND AND AIR FORCES AT EXPENSE OF MARITIME CONSIDERATIONS. ASYG HUMPHREYS SAID THAT RELEVANCE OF MARITIME ISSUES TO ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) AND MODERN AIR-DELIVERED MUNITIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN RECOGNIZED IN PRELIMINARY MC STUDIES ON MIDDLE EAST WAR AND RECOMMENDED EWG ACCEPTANCE OF SACLANT/CINCHAN TERMINOLOGY FOR THOSE AREAS. U.S. REP (PRENDERGAST), SUPPORTED BY UK AND FRG REPS, ACCEPTED PROPOSED WORD CHANGES FOR EW AND MUNITIONS AREAS BUT SAID THAT QUOTE MOBILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS FOR NATO FIELD FORCES UNQUOTE WAS NOT INTENDED TO INCLUDE SHIPS. EWG UPHELD ORIGINAL WORDING FOR MOBILE AIR DEFENSE AND ACCEPTED SACLANT/CINCHAN PROPOSED WORDING FOR EW AND MUNITIONS. CHAIRMAN PANSA ALSO NOTED SHAPE REP'S CONTENTION THAT POINT DEFENSE OF NAVAL VESSELS AGAINST AIR ATTACK WAS A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN SACEUR AREA (PRIMARILY MEDITERRANEAN) REGARDLESS OF ITS INCLUSION IN BASIC ISSUES.

2. FEG REP SAID MORE GENERAL QUESTIONS REMAINED CONCERNING WHETHER AND HOW ADDITIONAL BASIC ISSUES MIGHT BE GENERATED. CHAIRMAN PANSA RECOMMENDED THAT EWG COMPLETE WORK ON EXISTING SIX BASIC ISSUES BEFORE ACCEPTING MORE AND ASKED U.S. REP IF HE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL U.S. BASIC ISSUE INITIATIVES. U.S. REP DECLINED TO SEPAK FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, BUT SAID, ON PERSONAL BASIS, HE FAVORED RESTRICTING BASIC ISSUES TO THE SIX UNDER STUDY UNTIL MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON THEM.
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